Buckeye Barrister Club Project Moves Ahead

Alumni pledges and giving momentum have persuaded Dean Nancy H. Rogers to authorize construction of the Buckeye Barrister Club, a 6,370-square-foot facility that will be located across the street from the Moritz College of Law. It will provide much needed space for student educational programs, faculty presentations, business lunches, and evening events.

The club will be located on the second floor of the building that will house apartments for Moritz Law students and retail establishments. It will have a separate entry from 11th Avenue, a valet parking area, a dining room, conference room, interviewing rooms, and a terrace overlooking Drinko Hall. The club is part of the Gateway Project, a development initiative designed to revitalize the neighborhood adjacent to campus, and is scheduled to open in August 2005.

Based on market research with prospective and current students, the apartments will be modest and, therefore, affordable for Moritz Law students. The apartment project is proceeding without a funding commitment from the college. It is anticipated that students will begin occupying the apartments in August 2005.

The Barrister Club concept is rooted in recommendations from the Moritz Law faculty administration committee, who first suggested additional events space for the school. John Drinco ’44, the Baker and Hostetler lawyer for whom the law building is named, took a strong interest in the project. He suggested the space be used to bring faculty, staff, and students together while providing a place where judges and lawyers might dine with students to strengthen their mentoring relationships. Strong leadership and high alumni giving from Baker and Hostetler are helping to make the project possible.

“The best path to building a sense of professionalism among our students is to connect them with our alumni,” adds Dean Nancy H. Rogers. “The new facility will provide the place for this to happen. Through regular lunch conversation, special events, and mentoring, Moritz Law students will realize they are joining a group of alumni who believe that lawyers have the opportunity and obligation to serve—to make a positive difference as a member of the legal profession.”

The Ohio State University Faculty Club will manage the facility for the college. The

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Funding the Fundamentals

J. Gilbert (Gib) Reese ’52, a Newark, Ohio, attorney, believes in the fundamentals. “I’m not interested in furthering a fad – a subject in law that will be here today, gone tomorrow,” he says. Instead, he thinks a law school should focus on the basics – subjects that are critical to the education of students and to their ultimate need to be good lawyers.

For that reason, Reese donated $1.5 million to the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University to enable the college to attract, hire, and retain a professor with a national reputation for excellence in a fundamental area of law, in this case, corporate law.

This fall, Dale Oesterle joins the Ohio State law faculty as the J. Gilbert Reese Chair in Corporate Law. He fits the bill as far as Reese is concerned. Oesterle comes to Moritz Law from the University of Colorado School of Law, where he gained a national reputation in corporate law, particularly in mergers and acquisitions. (He’s authored a leading casebook on the subject.) The University of Michigan law school graduate left an endowed position and directorship of a center on entrepreneurial law to take the Ohio State job.

Reese hopes the hiring of top-notch legal experts doesn’t stop here. “I see my gift to the college as ‘priming the pump,’ ” he says, “building ever greater momentum upon that which is clearly present in the growth and enthusiasm throughout the school.”

Bazler, Wightman Team Up for the Barristers Club

Frank E. Bazler ’53 and Alec Wightman ’75, co-chairs of the Buckeye Alumni Club Committee, think that the new Buckeye Barrister Club will be a valuable addition to the Moritz College of Law community.

Armed with that belief and a desire to serve their alma mater, the two alumni are spearheading the effort to raise $2.2 million needed for construction of the club, planned for the southwest corner of High Street and 11th Avenue. (In the first six weeks of the campaign, the committee they chair secured more than half that amount in gifts and pledges.)

Bazler, a former Law Alumni Society President, said he believes the Buckeye Barrister Club will serve as a gathering place for students, faculty, and alumni.

“It will really be a great thing for the students in the law school,” he said. “I think it’s a real opportunity for them to foster relationships” with the faculty and alumni.

Now retired and serving as of counsel with Dugan and LeFevre in Troy, Ohio, Bazler worked for 24 years as corporate attorney and assistant secretary with the Hobart Corporation, a Troy-based supplier of food service equipment and systems. He also has served as solicitor for the City of Troy and as special counsel for the Ohio Attorney General’s office.

Bazler said he has enjoyed working on the Buckeye Barrister Club project, and hopes that, when completed, it will assist the Moritz College in its recruiting efforts.

“I enjoy working with things that are important to me,” he said. “I feel the law school has been a very important part of my life.”

Wightman, a partner with Baker and Hostetler in Columbus, said the new club will strengthen the law school community.

“The Club will provide a much needed venue for students and alumni to intermingle, and a much needed facility for the law school to hold special events,” he said. “The law school just hasn’t had a place where the various members of its community can meet and interact.”

Wightman is a former president and current member of the Board of the Arthur G. James Cancer Center Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute Foundation. He also serves on his firm’s Policy Committee and was named in the 2000-2001 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.
Franklin Eugene Crawford, a 2003 graduate of Moritz Law, is one of 10 law students nationwide to receive the 2003 Burton Award. The award honors legal professionals and law students for excellence in legal writing. Winners are chosen based on their use of clear language and avoidance of unnecessarily complicated legal terminology.

Crawford was honored on June 17 in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The ceremony featured an address by NBC News Washington Bureau Chief and “Meet the Press” moderator Tim Russert.

Franklin, of Dayton, was recognized for his student note in the Ohio State Law Journal in 2002. “Fit for Its Ordinary Purpose? Tobacco, Fast Food, and the Implied Warranty of Merchantability” was published in Volume 63, Number 4 of the journal. The article describes how tobacco litigation has changed implied warranty law and how those changes may affect future litigation against fast food companies.

Mónica Ramírez '03, a Fremont, Ohio native, has been awarded a post-graduate fellowship to work with migrant farm worker women through the national public interest organization, Equal Justice Works (EJW). As a result, more than 70,000 farm worker women in Florida will benefit.

Ramírez received a Route A Fellowship for her proposal to represent migrant farm worker women who have fallen victim to gender discrimination. She will focus her efforts on victims of sexual harassment, along with those who suffer other inequities existing in farm labor, such as lower wages and discriminatory job placement.

Her award is one of 31 Route A fellowships given by EJW this year. A Route A fellowship applicant creates the topic, establishes a plan of action for carrying out the proposal, and selects a sponsoring organization to host the project.

“As a future public interest lawyer, my job is to provide access to justice to individuals who would otherwise not be afforded such representation.” Ramírez said. “Farm worker women fall squarely in this category and I am honored this fellowship will grant me the opportunity to work to cure the injustices that they face.”

Her project will be the first targeted effort to comprehensively and systematically deal with gender discrimination among farm workers. Due to the fact that her project is thought to be the first of its kind in the nation, she intends to create a template that can be used by farm worker legal services throughout the country.

The Florida Bar Foundation will provide the Migrant Farmworker Justice Project with the financial aid necessary for Ramírez to create this program. Ramírez is one of only four individuals who were awarded Route A fellowships for the entire state of Florida for the upcoming fellowship term. The fellowships last two years and will run from 2003-2005.

According to Amee McKim ’94, assistant dean for professional development at the Moritz College, two Ohio State law graduates received Route B fellowships last year. However, Ramírez is the first Moritz student to receive a Route A fellowship since its creation in 1992.

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Faculty Club will help minimize operating and management costs by booking the Barrister Club for conferences, receptions, and other special events during periods in which the school is not using the facility.

Total cost of the Buckeye Barrister Club is estimated to be $2.2 million. Currently, more than half the amount has been raised. Co-chairing the ongoing fund-raising effort are Alec Wightman ’75 and Frank E. Bazler ’53. (See story on page 2.)


Alumni who want to learn more can contact any of these committee members or the college's development director, Molly McCardle at (614) 292-0601 or mcardle.14@osu.edu.
What Happens after Enron?
Alumni Conference at Moritz Law Focuses on Corporate Law

Representative Michael G. Oxley ’69 (R-Ohio) returned to his alma mater this spring to discuss his leading role in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2001. His keynote address was part of the first alumni conference for senior corporate counsel, which was held April 4 and 5.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2001, signed by President George W. Bush last summer, has been called the most sweeping change to American corporate and securities law since the 1930s. Congressman Oxley shepherded the law through the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Oxley led an array of speakers who shared various perspectives on today’s corporate world, including John W. (Jack) Creighton, Jr., ’57, former chief executive officer of Weyerhauser Company and of United Airlines, and John T. (Jack) Schuessler, board chair and chief executive officer of Wendy’s International, Inc.

The two-day event was made possible through the generosity of the late Michael E. Moritz ’61 and was designed especially for corporate officers, general counsel, deputy general counsel, and senior corporate attorneys with 15 or more years in practice. The conference drew more than graduates to the Ohio State campus—among the participants was Dale Oesterle, the newly named J. Gilbert Reese Chair in Contract Law.

The conference began Friday morning with a discussion of “Inside the Post-Enron Boardroom.” Panelist Dan Sandman ’73, vice chairman and chief legal and administrative officer, general counsel and secretary, United States Steel Corp., looked at how public companies in general, and U.S. Steel in particular, have responded to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Also participating in the discussion, which was moderated by Moritz Law Professor Allan Samansky, were Charles H. King, managing director, Global Board Services, Korn/Ferry, International, and Patricia Hatler, general counsel, Nationwide Insurance.

“Gone is the profession’s historic self-regulatory regime,” said Ronald S. Boster of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) during the second Friday session, “Enforcement in Today’s Environment: Internal Corporate Investigations.” Mark Rotert, of the Chicago law firm of Winston and Strawn, noted that the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, coupled with recent and more aggressive policy directives from other government agencies, foretells a substantial change in the relationships among corporate boards, managers, and counsel. He said that it would be necessary to retain standby counsel unencumbered by conflicts of interest and able to conduct quick, effective internal investigations. Other members of the panel included David Becker, immediate past general counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Moritz Law Professor Morgan E. Shipman, John W. Bricker Professor of Law. Professor Donald Tobin of Moritz Law moderated the discussion.

Friday afternoon sessions provided an opportunity for participants to discuss corporate counsel issues in smaller groups. Break-out sessions included “The Changing Role of the Corporate Attorney and Reporting Obligations to the Board of Directors,” facilitated by Michael Flowers ’79, attorney and partner at the Columbus firm of Bricker and Eckler and former chair of the 56,000-member Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, and “Inside the Post-Enron Boardroom,” facilitated by Moritz Law Professor Douglas Cole, who is currently on leave to serve as solicitor for the State of Ohio.

Also on Saturday, well-known tax expert and former chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, Kenneth J. Kies ’77 gave an insider’s view of Washington during the panel discussion on “Corporations, Financial Markets, and the Government.” Richard Waugh Jr. ’68, corporate vice president and chief financial officer of Northrop Grumman Corp., provided the perspective of a CFO looking at the impact of the events of the past 18 months on financial markets, capital formation, and investor confidence. Andrew Karolyi, professor at the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State, discussed the importance of corporate governance and investor protection laws on the current competition among international stock markets for corporate cross-listings of shares. Also participating in the panel was Donald Kempf, executive vice president and general counsel, Morgan Stanley. Professor Shipman moderated the panel.
Sandoval Returns to Address Class of 2003

Brian Sandoval ’89, Attorney General for the State of Nevada, returned to his alma mater on Friday, May 9, to speak during the Class of 2003 Hooding Ceremony. Nearly 220 students received their academic hoods during the event at the Ohio Theatre.

Christopher Fairman, a three-year veteran of the faculty, was named Outstanding Professor. Jane Logan, for the third consecutive year, was voted Outstanding Staff Member.

Two graduates followed their father’s footsteps to Ohio State to study law. Edward Reilly Forman was congratulated by his father, Robert T. Forman ’52, Worthington, and Michael Warren Jackson celebrated with his father, Reginald S. Jackson Jr., ’71, Maumee, Ohio.

Edward Reilly Forman ’03 and Robert T. Forman ’52

Michael Warren Jackson ’03 and Reginald S. Jackson Jr. ’71

Jane Logan, right, was honored by the graduating class for the third consecutive year as the Outstanding Staff Member. Jennifer Lynn Urban ’03 presented her with flowers during the ceremony.

Christopher Fairman, who started teaching at Moritz Law the same year the Class of 2003 entered, was recognized as the Outstanding Professor.
For Alumni Return 2003, we thought we’d shake things up a bit. Our usual quinquennial system of having all reunion classes back to the college during the same weekend has been retooled. The university has altered its football ticket allocation system, and we have been assigned two different weekends for reunion festivities.

Be sure that you reserve the right weekend for your class year:


Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, 2003, for the classes of 1988, 1993, and 1998

20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, and 50th Reunion Celebrations

The September 12-13 reunion weekend will be held at the Westin Great Southern Hotel in downtown Columbus. If you are coming from out of town, be sure to call the hotel at 1-800-Westin1 or (614) 228-3800 by August 21. A block of rooms has been reserved through that date—just mention that you are with the Moritz College of Law reunion to take advantage of discounted accommodations. Activities will be as follows:

**Friday, September 12**
- 6 p.m. Reception for all classes with Dean Nancy Hardin Rogers
- 7 p.m. Presentation of the 2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award
  Please help us to congratulate Jack Creighton, Class of 1957.
- 7:30 p.m. until ?? Class Dinners

**Saturday, September 13**
- 10 a.m. Tailgate at the Moritz College of Law
- 12:10 p.m. Football: Ohio State vs. North Carolina State

**Celebrating 5, 10, and 15 Years**
The November 7-8 reunion weekend is all about being a Buckeye. We’ve centered the activities for both days at Ohio State hot spots. On Friday, November 7, start with drinks and hors d’oeuvres at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café at 6 p.m., with dinner to follow. On Saturday, November 8, meet at the Moritz College of Law for a tailgate at which we will honor 2003 Outstanding Recent Alumnus, Brian Burns ‘97, followed by one of the best Big Ten match-ups of the season: Ohio State vs. Michigan State (times to be announced). Watch your mail for your invitation.

Please note that the class of 1953 has special activities planned beyond the scope of the Friday evening events listed here, thanks to committee chair Frank Bazler ’53. You will receive details in the mail. If you are a member of the class of 1953, and have not yet received your invitation, please contact Laura Landy Carr at (614) 292-2937 or carr.275@osu.edu.

**Fun for Everyone:**

**the All-Alumni Tailgates**

**All That Jazz**
**Saturday, September 13, 2003**
**10 a.m.**

Our September tailgate will sizzle with zydeco flavor as we convert the Moritz College portico into the Big Easy. We’ll **laissez les bons temps rouler** with an authentic New Orleans-style brunch, complete with omelette stations. Hot jazz will get things started, and rev up the revelers for the big game to follow against North Carolina State at 12:10 p.m.

**Tuscan Picnic**
**Saturday, November 8, 2003**
**Time to be determined**

The chill of November will be banished from our sunny little Italy as we recreate the flavors of Tuscany with fantastic food. Dip crusty bread into fine olive oil as you reminisce with special guest Professor Morgan Shipman over pasta puttanesca and cannoli. Then offer your congratulations as we crown laurels Outstanding Recent Alumnus, Brian Burns ’97. After our Mediterranean feasting, cheer on the Bucks as they take on the Spartans of Michigan State (time to be determined).

Visit our web site at www.moritzlaw.osu.edu to download your registration form for either event or R.S.V.P. to Pam Lombardi at (614) 292-8809 or Lombardi.2@osu.edu.
Kettlewell Receives Professional Responsibility Award

Charles W. Kettlewell ’71, Worthington, Ohio, received the 2003 Michael Franck Award for Professional Responsibility during the American Bar Association 2003 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. ABA President Alfred P. Carlton presented the award at a ceremony on August 8.

“For many years Charles Kettlewell has been a national leader in the field of professional responsibility,” said Seth Rosner, chair of the coordinating council for the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, in announcing the award. “In 1981-83, as president of the National Organization of Bar Counsel, he was an important participant in the nationwide discussion and ultimately in the ABA House of Delegates debates concerning the Kutak Commission’s proposed Model Rules of Professional Conduct,” he added.

The Franck Award was created in 1994 to acknowledge individuals who demonstrate the highest commitment to professionalism and the highest standards of legal ethics.

Alumni Notes

Gregory J. Vincent ’87 has been named the Richard C. Cadwallader Professor at the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Previously he was vice provost for academic affairs and campus diversity at Louisiana State.

Charles C. Warner ’70 has been selected as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at The Ohio State University. He will be presented the award during the autumn quarter commencement ceremony on December 12.

Upcoming Events

August 18
First Day of Classes

September 12
6 p.m., Reception with Dean Rogers for reunion classes, Westin Great Southern Hotel, Columbus.

September 13
10 a.m., All-Alumni Tailgate at Drinko Hall
12:10 p.m., Football, Ohio State v. North Carolina State

September 26
Noon, University Diversity Lecture Series, Gerald Torres from the University of Texas, Saxbe Auditorium

October 16
5:30 p.m., Cleveland Alumni Reception with former Senator Howard Metzenbaum ’41, The Club at Key Center. Contact Pam Lombardi, (614) 292-8809 or lombardi.2@osu.edu, for more information.

November 7
Reunions for the classes of 1988, 1993, and 1998 6 p.m. Reception, Buckeye Hall of Fame Café, Columbus. 7 p.m. Class Dinners

November 8
Presentation of the 2003 Recent Alumnus, Brian Burns ’97; All-Alumni Tailgate at Drinko Hall; Football, Ohio State v. Michigan State, times to be announced.

November 14
National Alumni Council Meeting, Drinko Hall, times to be announced.

December 2
Hip Holiday Happening, details to be announced

December 16
Toledo Alumni Reception, details to be announced

Dean Rogers Makes Virtual Appearance at Chicago Alumni Gathering

It wasn’t exactly what Kurt Schultz ’72 had planned, but Dean Nancy H. Rogers made a virtual visit to a group of assembled Chicago area alumni March 20 in the Windy City.

Schultz, a partner with Chicago’s Winston and Strawn and organizer of the alumni event, planned for Dean Rogers to be in attendance when she gave her presentation about ongoing developments at Moritz Law. Instead, a thunderstorm in Chicago prevented Rogers’ plane from leaving the ground in Columbus and necessitated a change of plans.

With the help of some quick thinking and technical assistance from staff members at Moritz Law and at Winston and Strawn, Rogers gave her presentation in virtual form. She spoke to the group and even answered questions with the help of a high-quality speakerphone, and she presented PowerPoint slides via a high-speed Internet connection.

Schultz says that while the 15 or so alumni who attended the event would have preferred to see Dean Rogers in person, “I was very pleased with how (the presentation) came off. The presentation was spectacular.”

Charles W. Kettlewell ’71

Charles C. Warner ’70

Gregory J. Vincent ’87
Memorials to Honor Former Registrar Lee Mangia

Longtime Moritz Law Registrar Lee Mangia died suddenly November 6, 2002. Now, thanks to the efforts of the Student Bar Association (SBA) and the Class of 2003, her memory will live on at the law school for years to come.

Those two groups, with the help of generous donations from students, faculty, and staff, will honor Mangia with a number of memorials, including benches, plaques, and charitable contributions.

Mónica Ramiréz, 2002-2003 SBA president and a 2003 graduate, helped lead the SBA’s fund-raising efforts. She believes Mangia deserves recognition for her dedication to the law school community.

Ramiréz describes Mangia as a dedicated professional who treated all students, faculty, and staff members like family. “Lee made us all a part of her family,” she says. “She always took the time to see how things were going for us and lent us her support when we hit bumps in the road.”

Following Mangia’s death, the SBA conducted a memorial campaign, raising nearly $1,400 in donations from the Moritz Law family. With a portion of that money, the group ordered a bench that will bear a placard honoring Mangia for her years of service to the law school.

The Class of 2003 also purchased two additional benches with the more than $2,000 it raised through its class gift campaign.

All three benches will include placards honoring Mangia and will be placed in front of Drinko Hall for use by the entire law school and Ohio State community. Installation is expected to be complete for the start of the 2003-2004 school year.

The SBA also has ordered a commemorative plaque honoring Mangia. The plaque will be placed near the registrar’s office in the law school’s main lobby. The SBA will donate any leftover funds to the Humane Society in Mangia’s honor, Ramiréz adds.

Lee Mangia

$50,000 pledge from the Honorable Robert M. Duncan ’52 will be used to establish a scholarship to help an outstanding first-year student entering the Moritz Law.

The Honorable Robert M. Duncan Scholarship will help a student who will contribute to the intellectual and social diversity of the entering class. Duncan is the Moritz College of Law’s Distinguished Jurist in Residence and is a member of the university’s Board of Trustees.

“Ohio State is a tremendous institution that has been very good to me over the years,” Duncan says. “I am pleased at this point in my career to be able to give something back to the university I care so deeply for the top-ranked Moritz College of Law, whose students are the next generation of legal advocates and scholars.”

Dean Nancy Rogers calls Duncan one of the law school’s most distinguished graduates. “The scholarship should inspire the recipient to lead within the community, as Judge Duncan has done, with clear vision, integrity, dedication, and a delightful sense of humor,” Rogers says. “The college is honored to offer a scholarship that will bear Judge Duncan’s name.”

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